

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Spanish Embassy, London, 24th June, 1924.

In compliance with the instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that it has been decided that the Seventh International Congress on Oil-production will be held at Seville in the month of November next. It being the desire of my august Sovereign that all the countries that are producers or consumers of oil should be represented at this Congress, I have the pleasure, on His Majesty's behalf, to invite the British Government to take part officially in the said Congress should they desire to do so, and to appoint the delegates who will represent them, which delegates will be able to make arrangements with the Organizing Commission and the Permanent Committees at Madrid and Seville. The Spanish Government would be specially pleased if Mr. Noel Buxton, M.P., Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, were included in the List of Presidents of the Committee of Honour of the said Congress.

I have, &c.,

ALFONSO MERRY DEL VAL.

The Right Hon. James Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., &c.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 139.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd July, 1924.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that I am anxious to obtain information regarding the system which is understood to be in force in New Zealand for the dental treatment of school-children.

2. I should be very grateful if your Ministers could furnish me with particulars of this scheme, including information as to the extent to which dental nurses are employed under it, the training which they are required to undergo, and the nature of the work which they perform.

I have, &c.,

J. H. THOMAS.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 24.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 342.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th July, 1924.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 119, of the 12th March, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of a parliamentary paper (Cmd. 2190), indicating the action proposed by His Majesty's Government in respect of the recommendation adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fifth session in October last, concerning the general principles for the organization of systems of inspection to secure the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the protection of the workers.

I have, &c.,

J. H. THOMAS.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

THERE were presented to Parliament in Cmd. 2051 the French and English texts of the recommendation, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fifth session in October, 1923, "concerning the general principles for the organization of systems of inspection to secure the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the protection of the workers."

At the expiration of a period of twenty-one days from the date on which the present paper is laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament His Majesty's Government propose, in accordance with the provisions of Article 405 of the Treaty of Versailles, to inform the Secretary-General of the League of Nations that they are prepared to accept the recommendation in respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The principles laid down in the recommendation are in accordance generally with the principles on which factory inspection is organized in the United Kingdom, and no new legislation will be entailed by its acceptance.

July, 1924.